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### **NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OFFERS FREE LECTURE SERIES AT UM**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The Clark Fork Chapter of the Montana Native Plant Society will hold a series of evening presentations this semester at The University of Montana.

The lecture series will take place on the second Thursday of each month, except December, from Oct. 12 through April 12. All lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room L09.

The series is free and open to the public.

Following is a schedule of lecture dates, titles and presenters:

- **Thursday, Oct. 12: "Bark Beetle-Fungus-Conifer Interactions in Forests of North America."**  
Presenter: Diana Six, UM professor of forest pathology.
- **Thursday, Nov. 9: "Bringing Back the Dead: Revegetation of Silver Bow Creek."**  
Presenter: Plant ecologist Rich Prodgers, who has been restoring and reclaiming mined lands in Montana for three decades.
- **Thursday, Jan. 11: "Botanical and Ecological Features of the Carlton Ridge Research Natural Area."** Presenters: Retired Forest Service ecologists Clint Carlson and Steve Arno.
- **Thursday, Feb. 8: "Agriculture in Ghana: From Tropical Forest to Fields and Back Again."** Presenter: Joe Elliott, plant ecology expert.
- **Thursday, March 8: "Restoring Fire to the Bitterroot Landscape."** Presenter: Cathy Stewart, fire ecologist, U.S. Forest Service Region One.
- **Thursday, April 12: "Western Montana's Grassland Wildflowers."** Presenters: Clark Fork Chapter photographers.

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The Montana Native Plant Society is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve, conserve and study the native plants and plant communities of Montana and to educate the public about the values of the state's native flora.

Information about the Clark Fork Chapter is online at <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>.

For more information, call 406-721-7615.

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